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**TITLE 13: DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES****NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**

The Department of Motor Vehicles (the department) proposes to amend Chapter 1, Division 1, Article 2.4, Driver Safety, Section 115.07 of Title 13, California Code of Regulations, concerning Telephone Hearings.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing regarding this proposed regulatory action is not scheduled. However, a public hearing will be held if any interested person or his or her duly authorized representative requests a public hearing to be held relevant to the proposed action by submitting a written request to the contact person identified in this notice no later than 5:00 P.M., fifteen (15) days prior to the close of the written comment period.

DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS

Any interested person or his or her duly authorized representative may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulations to the contact person identified in this notice. All written comments must be received at the department no later than 5:00 P.M. on November 18, 2002, the final day of the written comment period, in order for them to be considered by the department before it adopts the proposed regulations.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

The department proposes to adopt the proposed action under the authority granted by Government Code section 11400.21 and Vehicle Code section 1651, in order to implement, interpret or make specific Government Code section 11440.30 and Vehicle Code sections 13558, 14100, 14112, 16070 and 16075.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

Government Code section 11440.30 provides that the department has the authority to conduct hearings all or in part via telephone, television, or other electronic means. The department proposes to amend Title 13, Article 2.4, Section 115.07 of the California Code of Regulations.

The intent of the proposed language is to provide guidance and consistency for hearings conducted all or in part by telephone, television, or other electronic means. Often hearings conducted by electronic media do not provide the level of clarity necessary to clearly record a hearing. These media may "cut out" or lose transmission capability during a hearing. This interferes with maintaining an accurate administrative record of the hearing due to poor reception or signal failure.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

- Cost Or Savings To Any State Agency: None.
- Other Non-Discretionary Cost or Savings to Local Agencies: None.
- Costs or Savings in Federal Funding to the State: None.
- Cost Impact on Representative Private Persons or Businesses: The department is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.
- Effect on Housing Costs: None.

DETERMINATIONS

The department has made the following initial determinations concerning the proposed regulatory action:

- The proposed regulatory action will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. No studies or data were relied upon in support of this proposal.
- The adoption of this regulation will neither create nor eliminate jobs or businesses in the state of California, will not result in the elimination of existing businesses, and will neither reduce nor expand businesses currently doing business in the state of California.
- The proposed regulatory action will not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts, or a mandate which requires reimbursement pursuant to part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code.

- The proposed regulatory action will not affect small businesses. This proposal pertains to hearings for individuals.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The department must determine that no reasonable alternative considered by the department or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the department would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action.

CONTACT PERSON

Inquiries relevant to the proposed action and questions on the substance of the proposed regulations should be directed to the department representative, Ann Myrick, Department of Motor Vehicles, P.O. Box 932382, Mail Station E-244, Sacramento, California 94232-3820; telephone number (916) 657-8857, or amyrick@dmv.ca.gov. In the absence of the department representative, inquiries may be directed to the Regulations Coordinator, Deborah Baity, at (916) 657-5690 or dbaity@dmv.ca.gov. The fax number for the Regulations Branch is (916) 657-1204.

AVAILABILITY OF STATEMENT OF REASONS AND TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS

The department has prepared an initial statement of reasons for the proposed action, and has available all the information upon which the proposal is based. The contact person identified in this notice shall make available to the public upon request the express terms of the proposed action using underline or italics to indicate additions to, and strikeout to indicate deletions from, the California Code of Regulations. The contact person identified in this notice shall also make available to the public upon request the initial statement of reasons and final statement of reasons once it has been prepared and submitted to the Office of Administrative Law, and the location of public records, including reports, documentation and other materials related to the proposed action. In addition, the above-cited materials (Notice, Initial Statement of Reasons and Express Terms) may be accessed at www.dmv.ca.gov, Other Services, Legal Affairs Division, Public Comments web page.

AVAILABILITY OF MODIFIED TEXT

Following the written comment period, and the hearing if one is held, the department may adopt the proposed regulations substantially as described in this notice. If modifications are made which are sufficiently related to the originally proposed text, the full modified text with changes clearly indicated shall be made available to the public for at least 15 days

prior to the date on which the department adopts the resulting regulations. Request for copies of any modified regulations should be addressed to the department contact person identified in this notice. The department will accept written comments on the modified regulations for 15 days after the date on which they are first made available to the public.